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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby submits the documents listed hereinbelow, copies enclosed.

- (1) German Patent No. 41 21 792 A1 entitled BOOK BACK GLUING NOZZLE SYSTEM..., By Rathert, published January 7, 1993. The patent is in German however an English abstract was provided. This patent discloses a nozzle system which applies heat-melted, and particularly polyurethane, glue to the backs of book blocks passed over at intervals. A pump delivers the glue by pipe from a storage tank to a wide slot-shaped nozzle. There is a pressure-measuring unit in the pipe. The pump speed is regulated to give the pref rate of

delivery. A second pipe diverts the incoming glue when a valve in the first one shuts, and in the second pipe is a regulator valve adjusting the back-pressure dependent on the amount of glue to be applied. The regular valve forms a pressure-relief valve, being self-adjusting, and discharges the incoming glue during the intervals between applications. Its opposing force is adjusted so that its discharge pressure is above the necessary application pressure. The latter is measured beforehand, and fed to the controller for storage.

- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,685,911 entitled Raterman et al., patented November 11, 1997. This patent is attached hereto.
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 5,129,772 entitled Slautterback et al., patented July 14, 1992. This patent is attached hereto.

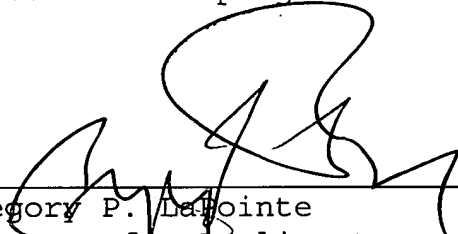
The undersigned submits the above-identified references for independent consideration by the Examiner and does not make any

admission that these references are or are not material to the present invention or that these references are or are not prior art with respect to the present invention.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Baltensperger

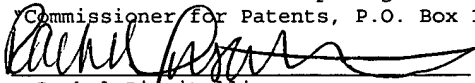
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